



2012 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT SALES

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Royal Gorge Field Office

3028 East Main

Canon City, Co. 81212



PERMITS: This year Christmas tree permits will be issued at the BLM office in Canon City between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm beginning November 13 and at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Visitor Center between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm in Salida on November 13. The harvesting of Christmas trees will be open from November 13 through December 24. These permits are for personal use only. Commercial Christmas tree cutting requires a special permit, for information contact: Ken Reed @ 719-269-8576.

COSTS: \$10/tree with a limit of 2 trees per household.

SELECT THE BEST TREE: Christmas tree harvesting is open on **all** BLM lands within the Royal Gorge Field Office **except** Wilderness Study Areas, Phantom Canyon ACEC, or within 1/8 mile from a developed recreation sites including the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. There are a variety of species available depending on the elevation of the BLM lands chosen to harvest a tree. Maps of suggested harvest areas are available at the field office and can be picked up with the permit.

Suggested Areas:

1. Texas Creek North or South– Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper.
2. West McCoy Gulch - Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper.
3. Penrose Chaining - Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper
4. Grand Canyon Hills - Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper
5. Kerr Gulch - White Fir, Douglas-fir, Pinyon Pine
6. Garden Park Area - Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper
7. Sand Gulch (Howard)- White Fir, Douglas-fir, Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper
8. Waugh and Stoney Face Mtns. – Spruce, Douglas-fir & subalpine fir
9. Arkansas Mtn. - White fir, Douglas-fir, Pinyon Pine & Rocky Mountain juniper

RECOMMENDATIONS: Be prepared for winter conditions, there is more snow in the high country than in town. Plan to do some walking through snow, make sure everyone in your party has warm clothes and boots. Pack emergency supplies, and carry the appropriate map. Leave word with friends or relatives of your planned destination. Take a vehicle equipped for winter conditions with 4-wheel drive, snow tires or chains. Start early, the winter days are shorter.

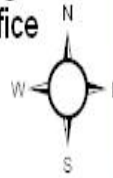
STIPULATIONS:

1. Tag your tree with the permit on the branches or trunk before removing it. Failure to **tag a tree immediately** after cutting will be considered unauthorized removal and can result in a violation notice being issued.
2. Cut stumps within 6 inches of the ground or below the last live limb.
3. Do not cut over a 20 foot tall tree. Try to select the right size tree; it is illegal to only take the top of a tree. Please do not disfigure trees, utilize unwanted limbs for wreaths and other decorations.
4. Keep vehicles on existing roads; please avoid cutting when the roads are wet to avoid damage. No blocking public roads with vehicles; find a safe place to pull off the road (**No more than 100 feet**).
5. This permit is only for BLM lands; no cutting or trespassing on private lands.
6. Permittee is responsible for removing any trash or refuse they brought into the cutting area.
7. Avoid conflicts with other public land users.
8. If any cultural resources are discovered during your harvesting of a Christmas tree, please take time to stop by our office and provide the location of the cultural discovery.
9. A copy of the permit must be available upon request of any authorized enforcement person.
10. The person whose name is on the permit must be present during the tree harvest operation. No transferring of permits is allowed.
11. Chainsaws, hand-saws or axes are allowed for harvesting.

For additional information regarding Christmas trees or other Special Forest Products contact: Ken Reed (Forester) 719-269-8576



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No Christmas Tree
Harvesting Areas
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Arkansas River Recreation Area

Browns Canyon WSA

Beaver Creek WSA

Phantom Canyon AEC

Arkansas River Recreation Area

McIntyre Hills WSA

Grape Creek WSA

Legend

 NO Christmas
Tree Harvesting

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